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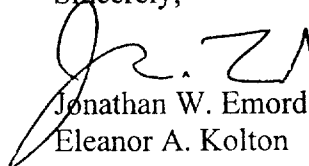
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Dear Dr. Pilch,

This letter confirms the content of the conversation you had with Eleanor (Miki) Kolton, JD, MSN, earlier today. In that conversation you explained that the published USP-NF assay methods for the three B vitamins and saw palmetto health claim petitions would satisfy your request for "analytical data on the amount of the substance present in representative foods that would be candidates to bear the claim." You also stated that it was not necessary for those methods to be certified by a scientist if we attached copies of the supporting documentation. We also plan to provide you with the published AOAC assay method for saw palmetto.

We look forward to future communication with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan W. Emord  
Eleanor A. Kolton

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